

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
LATVIA

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the mark of the 10th anniversary of Latvias' adoption of the constitutional law "On the Statehood of the Republic of Latvia".

On August 21, 1991, the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia took advantage of the political situation in the country and passed the law "On the Statehood of the Republic of Latvia" providing for the full restoration of Latvia's independence. This revoked the transition period set on May 4, 1990 for the de facto rejuvenation of the state power of the Republic of Latvia.

In order to commemorate the anniversary of this very significant event, the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia will host a ceremonial meeting of the Parliament on August 21, 2001. There, they will lay flowers at the Freedom monument and organize a festive concert and garden party in Jurmala.

The Republic of Latvia has always been a strong pillar of cultural heritage and exchange. Tradition and true faith drove this State to independence, and now, 10 years later, we are celebrating this important and distinguished anniversary.

Please Join me in celebrating the 10th anniversary of such a joyous occasion. The Republic of Latvia is a true stronghold for political freedom and independence.

TRIBUTE TO MARY JANE  
TURNIPSEED

**HON. ASA HUTCHINSON**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2001*

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Mary Jane Turnipseed for her outstanding service as an educator at Van Buren High School in Van Buren, Arkansas. Recently, I received a heartfelt e-mail message from one of Mrs. Turnipseed's students. This student was searching for a way to recognize his teacher because she had truly made an impact in his life. After reading his email, I think it appropriate to recognize Mrs. Turnipseed today on the floor of the House of Representatives.

For more than twenty years Mrs. Turnipseed has dedicated herself to her profession, to her school, and most of all, to her students. As a teacher, Mrs. Turnipseed has demonstrated her diligence and desire to make learning an exalting experience. Her student described her teaching by saying, "Mrs. Turnipseed combines teaching with real-life experiences in an attempt to bring history alive. Not only does she allow us to teach on some days and as-

sign hands-on projects, but also uses class discussion and physical demonstrations to allow us to not just study history, but experience it."

Mrs. Turnipseed is a remarkable teacher, but she doesn't stop at simply doing her job. Her student remarked, "Mrs. Turnipseed has been more than a teacher to me; she has been a mother, counselor, mentor, and most importantly a friend. When she finds a way to connect with a student, she uses the link to build a relationship like none other. We have formed a once in a lifetime relationship that I will never forget."

Mrs. Turnipseed represents the type of educator we, as parents, want to teach our children. In an era of drugs and violence in schools around the nation, Mrs. Turnipseed provides a calm and safe environment for her students. In her class, students can forget the pressures waiting outside in the hallway and focus on learning.

Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues, please join me in recognizing Mrs. Mary Jane Turnipseed for the truly remarkable impact she has made on the teaching profession and her students.

STATEMENT ON THE LOSS OF  
MRS. KATHARINE GRAHAM

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2001*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great lady, Katharine Graham, former chairman and CEO of the Washington Post Co., who passed away on Tuesday, July 17th, from head injuries sustained after she fell on a sidewalk in Sun Valley, Idaho. My heart goes out to Mrs. Graham's family and those who became part of her extended family.

Mrs. Graham was a gutsy pioneer. She was not intimidated by power or titles and created, with the utmost integrity, her own fulcrum to help move the world. And the world came to know she was here.

Katharine Graham found the best people and backed them to the hilt. In any controversy she always came down on the side of principle. And she did so with style, grace, and good cheer. "Think no little thoughts, do no little deeds" could have served as Katharine Graham's motto.

When faced with tragic situations in her own life that would have destroyed most others, Mrs. Graham reached deep down and discovered strength. She could have lived a carefree life, going down an easy, well-traveled road. But by the sheer force of her indomitable will and genius Katharine Graham took the road less traveled. And she made it her own.

Katharine Graham's passing saddens me in a very personal way—because she was so much a part of this town and this region. Her death leaves a void. When I say "this town"

I mean this great city, the District of Columbia, our Nation's Capital, and the Washington Region. Most of the tributes to Mrs. Graham have properly noted her immense role in our great national adventure as a country, and her key part in the stewardship of one of the greatest newspapers in American history, The Washington Post. Those tributes are fully justified, as she breathed new life into the First Amendment, without which our democratic republic would be unthinkable.

But the Katharine Graham I will always remember so vividly and personally is the Katharine Graham who loved this city and who soared above the crowd in her devotion to, and involvement in, the lifeblood of Washington, D.C.

Less than 2 years ago I had the honor of being a guest in her home upon the occasion of congressional passage of the District of Columbia Tuition Act, landmark legislation I was pleased to sponsor as Chairman of the D.C. Subcommittee. Mrs. Graham and her son, Don Graham, took a keen interest in that legislation, which has provided unprecedented educational opportunities for D.C. students. Likewise with other local issues, Mrs. Graham as publisher of The Washington Post helped to insure that there would always be a very sharp focus on the real city that lies just beyond the Monumental Core of the Nation's Capital.

So this week this town is in mourning. We grieve the passing of one of the most significant people ever to reside in our midst.

Mr. Speaker, Katharine Graham's legacy is one of unshakeable courage and enduring accomplishment. Our institutions of freedom and fairness have lost a great friend. May God grant us others who emulate the shining example of Katharine Graham.

TRIBUTE TO ELSIE RICH

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2001*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elsie Rich. As we prepare to celebrate Elsie's one hundredth birthday, we can be inspired by a life that embraces joyful energy, thoughtful discussion, and a positive approach to overcoming obstacles.

Born Elsa Shiffman in Vienna Austria in August, 1901, Elsie was one of five children in a Jewish family that owned a textile factory. In 1932 she married Henry Reich (later Rich), and the two lived in Vienna until 1938. After hearing Hitler announce his plans to exterminate all the Jews in Europe, Elsie and Henry applied for visas to America. They left a few months after Hitler's troops invaded Austria, sending many Jews to concentration camps.

In America, the Rich family lived in New York before moving to Santa Rosa, California, in 1943. They eventually bought a ranch and became U.S. citizens. "Coming to America

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